

**In the Claims**

Please amend the following claims by deleting the language which is enclosed in brackets

"[]"

and inserting the language which is underlined "\_\_\_\_\_".

1.(Once Amended) An umbrella comprising:

[an umbrella, said umbrella having] a retractable head; a shaft, said shaft and said retractable head operate together to alternately extend, lock, and retract said retractable head;

[and] a shaft lower end;

a handle section, said handle section affixed to said shaft lower end; and

an illumination means affixed to said handle section.

7.(Once Amended) An umbrella comprising:

[an umbrella, said umbrella having] a retractable head; a shaft, said shaft and said retractable head operate together to alternately extend, lock, and retract said retractable head;

[and] a shaft lower end;

a handle section, said handle section affixed to said shaft lower end;

an illumination means housed within said handle section; and

a neon-colored tube circumscribing [the] said shaft of the umbrella.